Road communications in Vypeen.

245. Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) is the Government aware that there is no proper road communications in the Vypeen island;

(b) does the Government contemplate the opening of any metalled roads in the Vypeen island in the near future;

(c) what is the land revenue from the Vypeen island;

(d) what is the total of other revenues from the Vypeen island; is not the total revenue from the Vypeen island proportionately more than from any other rural part of the State?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government will look into the matter.

(c) and (d). Information on the points raised is being collected.

Irrigation.

246. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state how the provision of one lakh of rupees for irrigation was utilised by them in the year 1104;

2. will they be further pleased to state in what condition Thanikudam Scheme is at present?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) A sum of Rs. 6,000 was transferred to B. I. 275 of 1104 to meet the excess expenditure under investigation of irrigation projects in the State. The balance was not utilised for any works as the estimates already prepared in this connection are found to require revision to suit the flood conditions of the current year.

(2) The Member is referred to the answer to the 2nd part of the question No. 23 of this session.

Stamp defalcation case in the Excise Department.

247. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the punishment recommended by Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar (Excise Superintendent) to one Mr. Sangameswara Ayyar of the Excise Department against whom a stamp defalcation case was detected; will the Government kindly lay the copy of this recommendation on the Table;

(b) were the recommendations referred to above accepted fully, and if not, why not; to what extent was it accepted and what is the punishment actually given to Mr. Sangameswara Ayyar;

(c) did Mr. Sangameswara Ayyar submit a petition before the present Superintendent of Excise in this connection, and if

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